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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From Monday Auguſt 7th. to Wedneſday Auguſt 9th. 1710.

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Q. BE Ye Wiſe as Serpents, *being a Scripture Phraſe, I would deſire to know wherein conſiſteth the Wiſdom of a Serpent.*

Your Humble Servant, &c.

A. The Wiſdom of a Serpent, Worthy our Imitation the Commentators upon this Text of Scripture tells us conſiſts in this, that in all Quarrels and Dangers it is very careful of its Head to keep it from harm; that when it goes to Drink it Spits out its Venom, leaſt it Poyſon the Water and ſo hurt itſelf, that in order to caſt its Skin when it is grown Old, it will Creep thro' a Strait Chink of a Rock and ſo Rub it off; that it is very Active and Diligent in avoiding being Trodden under Foot of Men. And perhaps our Saviour had alſo regard to what the Pſalmiſt ſays of it, that it ſtoppeth its Ear to avoid hearing the Voice of the Charmer.

Q. Gentlemen, *If you pleaſe to give your Opinion, whether any that now enjoys any of the Church or Abbey Lands that were taken away in King* Henry the 8th's *time, may with a good Conſcience affirm, he has an Hereditary. Or whether, the Purchaſer brings not a Guilt upon himſelf, by Purchaſing theſe Lands, that were given to God's Glory and the good of the Poor? You are deſired to be as full and ſatisfactory as you can. It may be of great uſe, and to the ſatisfaction of many. Your ſpeedy Anſwer will much Oblige,*

Yours, A. L.

A. We muſt beg the Queriſts Excuſe from meddling in a matter of ſo great Nicety, and ſo high concern to the Publick, and ſhall only take the Liberty to recommend to his Peruſal, Sir *Henry Spelman*'s Learned Treatiſe, *De non Temerandis Eccleſiis*, the Force of whoſe Arguments were ſuch, as they prevail'd with ſeveral Perſons to reſtore their Impropriations to their Reſpective Parochial Churches.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pleaſe to Oblige me with your Thoughts of that Remarkable Paſſage in my Lord* Clarendon's *Hiſtory, wherein the Noble Hiſtorian gives us an Account of the Appearance of the then Duke of* Buckingham's *Father, to a certain Perſon, ordering him to Communicate what he told him to the Duke, and endeavor to diſſwade him from thoſe Courſes which rendred him ſo Odious to the People.*

A. This Story is reported by ſeveral other Writers of that time; and tho' it is impoſſible for us or any Man to judge of the Truth of Matters of Fact of which there are no Living Witneſſes, yet conſidering how circumſtantially the Matter is related, and that the Occaſion of that Apparition was not a Trivial Errand, but a Buſineſs of great and Publick concern, and that the Poor Man who had ſeen the Apparition gave ſuch ſatisfactory Evidence to the Duke himſelf that he was neither an Impoſtor nor an Enthuſiaſt, we cannot but look upon this as true and undoubted Inſtance of ſuch Apparitions as are Vulgarly Talked of, and that there is as great Evidence of the Truth of this Fact as the matter is capable of.

Q. Gentlemen, *Whether a Man Weighs heavier when Dead than when Living, ſuppoſing he was to be Weigh'd Alive, and immediately Dye without any loſs of Blood or any other Accident that might render him Lighter. Your ſpeedy and Deciſive Anſwer is deſired, a Wager depending upon it.*

A. Upon Man the Experiment cannot well be made; for to Weigh a Man in a Pair of Scales when he is juſt upon the Point of Death wou'd be a Barbarous piece of Curioſity. But the Experiment being made upon other Animals will do as well, for the ſame Reaſon holds good in all. Dr. *Brown* ſays, he tryed this upon Chickens and Mice, which he Weighed immediately before and after they were Strangled in Scales moſt nicely adjuſted which wou'd turn with ½ of a Grain, but found no ſenſible Difference in their Weight, till they were perfectly Cold, and then he diſcovered them to be ſenſibly Lighter. Thoſe that fancy Dead Bodies to be Heavier than Living, give this only Reaſon for it, that the Animal Spirits are Light Subſtances which bear up the Body, of which a Dead Body being Deſtitute Contracts a greater Gravity. But if they will grant theſe Spirits to be material, 'tis certain as our late Philoſophers have proved, that they can only have a Comparative and not an Abſolute or Poſitive Levity. Beſides in Bodies newly Dead while they continue Warm there remains ſome Perſpiration, which carries off ſome of the Vaporous and Fluid Parts, and muſt therefore neceſſarily render the Body Lighter.

Q. Gentlemen, *A Man Sold his Horſe for* 24 l. *and gained as much* per Cent, *as the Horſe Coſt; Query, what! can this be Solved without the help of* Algebra?

A. To gain as much per Cent *by a Thing as it Coſt*, is a very odd Phraſe, of which we muſt deſire an Explication from the Queriſt, before we can Anſwer his Queſtion.

Q. Gentlemen, *What is the Reaſon that I can never ſee a Handſom Stranger?*

A. It muſt ariſe, *Madam*, from your not Converſing ſo much in the World as our Sex. For many very comely Perſons have arriv'd to this Nation from *Italy*, *Germany*, *France* &c. Tho' your own Fair Sex, for the Numbers of them, of *Britiſh* Birth, exceed by far thoſe of other Countries.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have had the misfortune to Contract a ſincere Friendſhip (as I thought) with one of my own Sex, for I diſcloſed to her my moſt ſecret Thoughts, and ſhe pretended ſhe did the ſame by me; I being Courted by a Gentleman, who to my great unhappineſs, I thought very agreeable, and expreſſed as much to my* Female Confident, *ſhe being a greater Fortune then I am (be like a Sordid Wretch that Loves only for Intreſt) quite forſooke me and Courted my pretended Friend with all the Paſſion and Rethoric that he was Maſter of; and ſhe entertain'd him with as much reſpect as he would deſire, and at the ſame time gave another Spark ſo much hope as to believe ſhe would Marry him. And now ſhe gives herſelf a great deal of Liberty to talk of me behind my back, and told the former Gentleman all that ever I entruſted her with; but ſtill to my Face expreſſes as much Friendſhip as ever. Now Query, whether I may (without being thought Envious) let the Young Gentleman (whom ſhe deals ſo deceitfully with) know of her carriage to the other, and under what Denomination ſuch a Woman ought to paſt, I being adviſed by ſome of my Friends to keep a Correſpondance with her, on purpoſe to revenge the Affront. I humbly deſire your Advice how to carry my ſelf towards her as being reſolved wholly to follow it and no other. I hope you will pardon the Length of this and favour me with your Anſwer and Advice in your next* Apollo, *which will Oblige your unkown Admirer,*

INDAMORA.

A. Madam, We think it will be beſt to break of all Correſpondence with her, as one (for her Treachery) unworthy your Friendſhip, for ſhou'd you continue a ſeeming Friendſhip only to betray her, the putting on a Diſguiſe wou'd be a leſſening to you and the betraying her, bring you under the ſame diſhonourable Predicament with her ſelf; ſo in effect you wou'd revenge your ſelf upon your ſelf. Beſides the World (who takes every thing by the wrong handle) may ſuſpect your Diſcoveries, as favoring of Prejudice to the Lady, or Fondneſs for the Gentleman, both which will not encourage a Credit to 'em; nor will it tend much to your Honor to ſhew ſo much Concern for the Gentleman, who by his Mercenary Temper ſo little deſerves it at your Hands. Beſides the Event may not anſwer your Expectation: For ſince the Gentleman Courts her, only for her Fortune, a diſcovery of her ungenerous Temper may have little Influence on him. It might be a greater Revenge on on her to promote his Deſigns, ſince his ſordid Temper may give enough cauſe for her Repentance after; whereas breaking off the Match, you may ſhew a greater Piece of Friendſhip to her, than ſhe merits from you; but we think the greateſt Prudence will be expreſt by your Contempt of both, as not worthy your further notice.

Q. Gentlemen, *There being ſo great a Diverſity of Opinions concerning the Nature and Quality of* Cochinele *(now and formerly uſed in the Dying of* Scarlet) *I could never have any Satisfaction in the matter, tho' very deſirous. Some making it an Inſect, others a Vegetable. I deſire to know which Opinion you think to be moſt probable, and what it is produced from. Which will very much Oblige,*

Your True Friend and Admirer, J. G.

A. We have Anſwered this Queſtion, N°. 31. of this *III. Vol.*

POEMS.

Q. PHoebus, *I Lov'd a Lady Fair,*
Tho' 'tis not many that ſo are,
And what did much my Soul Inſlame,
She Lov'd me too, alſo downright.
Then was I Happy on my Word,
Nor envy'd King, nor any Lord:
But ſuch misfortunes often Light
On Mortals here, as Black as Night,
That they can't tell e'er Death appear,
What they are like to meet with here.
Such is my Caſe and very hard Caſe,
Which now hath much brought down my Carckaſs,
For I was but a Month away,
E'er I return'd all Blith and Gay,
To think that I ſhou'd gain the Prize,
But oh! it fell out otherwiſe.
For to the Sorrow of my Soul,
This Lady Fair prov'd very Foul;
For ſhe another did engage to,
Which made me Fret and Storm and Rage too.
For when I told her of her Fault,
She did my Honeſty Aſſault,

And

And ſaid I was Inconſtant to her,
Becauſe I left a Month to Woo her,
That ſhe wou'd not, no that ſhe wou'd not,
Stay for my Pleaſure, nor ſhe cou'd not;
Leaſt ſhe was Blown upon, and no Man
Does care a Fig for ſuch a Woman.
Since ſhe has prov'd ſo Falſe and Fickle,
I am in ſuch a Scurvey Pickle,
That Death I rather chooſe than Life,
Except I had her for my Wife:
And that I'm certain will be never,
So putting all theſe things together,
APOLLO, *I intreat of you,*
To tell me what you'd have me do.

A. In ſuch a Melancholy matter,
We ſhou'd not look like Friends to Flatter,
And tell thee, thou haſt any hope,
To end thy Griefs but by a Rope.
For it looks plainly, do ye ſee, Sir,
That in her Tail ſhe's got a Breeze, Sir,
Which drives her on to Taſt the Joys,
Of making little Girls and Boys.

But you muſt be on Whimſies Rambling,
Inſtead of which your Miſtreſs Ambling;
Fine Speeches Framing 'gainſt your Back,
Return'd again, and let her lack,
What ſhe prefers to all your Speeches,
We mean thoſe Leſſons *Hymen* Teaches.
Your Wiſer Rival on her Fiddle,
Bravely reſolv'd to Play down Diddle;
Knowing it was in vain to dally,
Ne'er ſtood Hum Drum, with Shilly Shally:
But urg'd the *Bona Roba* home,
And that's the way to overcome.

Now ſince you are ſo great a *Cudden*,
To chooſe to give the Crows a Pudden,
Rather than Live an Irkſome Life,
And *Tit of Ten-pence* not thy Wife,
You readily ſhall have our Voice,
For what appears to be your Choice,
Since by your Lines it does appear,
You can of little uſe be here.

Q. *To you great Maſters,*
I'll tell my Diſaſters,
I hope your Aſſiſtance you'll lend;
'Tis of a very bad Wife,
Who's the Plague of my Life,
I'd fain know how her I may mend.

She is a great Scold,
And ſo very bold,
But what is worſe a great Whore;
That by her Expences,
I am out of my Senſes,
And ſo am become very Poor.

A. Alas, Poor *Tom Farthing*,
In Troth 'tis a hard thing,
To Suffer the Evils you ſmatter;
Both your Wits and Gold gone,
You're paſt help undone,
Which is all we can ſay to the Matter.

Q. APOLLO, *your Fame,*
And Glorious Name,
All Britain *is Sounded about;*
For the Flight of your Brains,
In Muſical Strains,
And Solving of every Doubt.

And what ſhews your Cunning,
'Yond Bant'ring and Punning,
Of Proverbs *you give us the Riſe;*
Their Morals you tell,
In which they excell,
And how they're apply'd in a Trice.

A Saying we have
(Whoſe Riſe I wou'd crave)
That when little Choice we have got;
'Tis Hobſon's Choice *ſaid,*
Thus readily diſplay'd,
Your may chooſe if you'll have it or not.

A. A *Carrier* there was,
And at a good Paſs,
In the Days of King *Jemmy*, who ply'd
To *Cambridge* with Letters
(And tho' to his Betters)
He thus to their Queſtions reply'd.

This Parcel you ſee,
Is directed to thee,
And others beſides I have none,
Therefore take it and pay me,
And no longer ſtay me,
For I am in haſt to be gone.

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SIR,

THE Letters from *Geneva*, Auguſt the 1ſt, Adviſe that they Write from *Piedmont*, That the Confederate Army, was advanced our

out of the Valley of Barce'onette to the Redoubt of Vars; That 4 French Battalions and 7 Squadrons which lay there retir'd upon the approach of the Confederates the Col de Vars, and that the latter deſign'd to Attack there the next Day. The Advices from his Grace the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at *Villars Brulain*, Auguſt 11th, are that the Siege goes on very well; That ſince the 5th Inſtant they have Fired upon the Place from 70 Cannon and 30 Mortars, ſo 'tis thought the Garriſon will ſoon be Obliged to Capitulate, after which 'tis ſaid they will lay Siege to Aire; That the Cardinal de Bouillon and Prince Eugene have been at Liſle, and that Mr. Caramel is on the mending Hand. From the *Hague*, they Advile, That they have recieved Letters from King Charles's Camp near Balaguer of the 12th of July, Importing that they were in Expectation of a Battle on that ſide except the Duke of Anjou's Army retired over the Segra before the end of that Month. From *Bruſſels* 'Tis Adviſed that the Siege of Bethune is carried on with ſuch Succeſs, that the Engineers hope we ſhall be Maſters of the Place by the 20th Inſtant; That ſome Letters from the Army Import, that the Enemy expect the Duke of Orleans with a Reinforcement of 8000 Men, from Germany to re-inforce the Mareſchal de Villars, who is ſaid to be going to Aix la Chapelle, to Drink the Waters there.

The Advices from *Plymouth*, Auguſt the 4th, are, That Her Majeſty's Ship the Kent came in with a French Man of War of 58 Guns and 6 Patereroes, which ſhe took after 2 hours and a Quarter Reſiſtance, that the Kent had 13 Men Killed and 50 Wounded, and the French Man of War had upwards of 100 Men Killed and about the like Number Wounded; And that her Complement was about 550.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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